

Minneapolis has a school population of 746.

Miltonvale boasts of its first lightning rod.

Clyde, Cloud county, is to have a foundry.

Cherry, Sedgewick county, wants a flour mill.

The Coffey county fair gave a baby show this year.

Gregory is the name of a new postoffice in Jewell county.

The Forepaugh show took \$10,000 out of the city of Wichita.

The Odd Fellows of Peabody will soon dedicate their new hall.

It is said a large collar factory is soon to be started in Wichita.

Several cases of scarlet fever are reported in Osborne county.

James Allen was relieved of \$4 by a pick pocket at Newton the other day.

A nail famine now exists at Russell there being but a few in the entire county.

An assembly of the knights of labor has been organized at Stockton, Rooks county.

Youthful thieves are complained of at Lawrence, as being disagreeably numerous.

The question of constructing a system of water works is now being discussed at Peabody.

Greenwood county's school population is 5,661. The organized districts number 103.

A car load of Russian emigrants arrived lately, to settle in Marion county, near Hillsboro.

A colony of twenty families from Pennsylvania, are expected to arrive at Wilson in a few days.

A boy born at Harper last week was named after the *Graphic*, a newspaper, published in that city.

Eldorado *Republican*: The tax levy for county purposes this year is 92 cents; last year it was 107 cents.

The residence of H. L. Whittaker was burned at Atchison, the other day. Loss \$2,000. Insurance \$1,000.

Bramerd, Butler county, had its first five last week. A paintshop and its contents were destroyed. Loss \$700.

The colored Baptists of Oswego, Labette county, are about to commence the erection of a new church edifice.

Simon Keith, a boy 17 years old, who lived twelve miles from Norton, was killed last week by a kick from a horse.

Salina, Kansas, is to have a street railway. A company with a capital stock of \$25,000 has been chartered for that purpose.

The old folks of Wyandotte had a party last week. There were twenty-five guests present, their average age being 75 years.

Joshua Price at Eldorado the other day lost \$1500 by the destruction of three large wheat stacks on his farm near Glen Elder, Smith county.

Smith Centre *Pioneer*: Sheriff Carson has received notice of 20 horses being stolen in one night. None of them have been recovered or thieves captured.

Frank Ott, of Atxell, Marshall county, met his death near Osborne, the other day by accidentally discharging a shot gun, which he was removing from a wagon.

Blue Rapids *Times*: The little son of C. S. Strange was brought to town last week, suffering from a rattlesnake bite. His limb was terribly swollen, but he will recover.

Lawrence *Gazette*: R. J. Deakins received his voucher of \$200 for back pay. Hereafter he will receive a pension of eight dollars per month. He is a member of the G. A. R. Post of this city.

Garnett *Journal*: Another installment of children from the aid society in New York, will be brought to Garnett within a short time for the purpose of finding homes among our people.

J. A. Jackson, cashier of the Youngsville, Pennsylvania, savings bank, lately purchased 2,500 acres of land in Thomas county, and a number of gentlemen from Youngsville are expected to settle in Thomas and Sherman counties.

The city marshal of Clay Center, Woodson county, attempted to arrest a drunken citizen there last week. On his refusal to be led along the marshal proceeded to club him with a billy, bruising him up considerably. For this act he was arrested and tried on a charge of assault, but was discharged.

Augusta *Gazette*: Last week was a pretty fair one for Augusta and vicinity so far as new settlers was concerned, a colony of fifty having arrived from Illinois and three families coming from Iowa. The fifty are members of the Dunkard church, and are the forerunners of a large number of that faith who expect to make their homes in this vicinity.

Leander Baker, a young farmer, living a few miles south of Brainard, Butler county, was struck on the head with an axe and robbed. He had been to town in the afternoon and was known to have about \$75 in cash about him, all of which was taken. When found, he was in an unconscious state, and has remained so since. It is feared his injuries are mortal. No clue to the assailant.

Clay Center *Times*: Among the curiosities exhibited at the fair was a wooden bowl owned by Miss Call, of Rose Vale. The bowl was shaved out of a solid block of wood in 1813 at Chautauque, N. Y.

Prof. Drake exhibited bullets, shells and minie balls picked up at Harpers Ferry and Antietam, also specimens of petrified bark found on the banks of the Republican river, and samples of copper and other metals from Portland, Me.

Atchison *Globe*: The county treasurer has completed the tax sale record of 1884, and issued certificates to purchasers. The sales amounted to \$2,511 on lands, and \$1,669 on Atchison City town lots, being less than 25 per cent. of the whole amount due, and what might be termed the dullest tax sales in the past ten years. It should be under-

stood, however, that all sales to the county bear interest at the rate of 24 per cent. per year, from which the county will derive some benefit at last.

**Chetopa Advance**: Last week the body of a man was found scattered along the track at the switch below Russell creek. Both arms and legs had been cut off and the body was cut up into about a dozen pieces, and one arm driven into a tie so that it could not be pulled out. From the appearance of things it would seem that his body had been carried about one hundred yards by one train and then back about the same distance by a train going in the opposite direction. Nothing was found that would in any way identify him.

A daring outrage was perpetrated on Z. Baker, living about six miles south of Brainard, Butler county. Mr. Baker sold a load of hogs yesterday, for which he realized \$33. When he returned home and while unhitching his horses in the barn yard, he was approached by a stranger, who engaged him in conversation and when Mr. Baker turned his back the fellow struck him on the head with a sand bag. Mr. Baker was rendered insensible by the blow and while in this condition the ruffian abstracted his wallet and decamped.

**Atchison Globe**: As a rule, the Kansas farmer has a thorough appreciation of the country he lives in and the advantages which surround him. But there is one particular in which the people of this State are negligent and behind the age. Agriculture is thoroughly known to the masses here, but horticulture seems to be a dead industry, and deadlier than Julius Caesar's that. Hardly a day goes by but loads of wood are brought in Atchison containing four foot sticks of the finest black walnut, and this wood is sold for two or three dollars. Three hundred miles east of here it is almost impossible to buy black walnut; and were an eastern man to stand on a Kansas street and see people filling their stoves with it, he would drop at once into apoplexy. A large walnut tree in Illinois will bring from fifty to five hundred dollars, and the purchaser will chop and cut it. It will be noticed he takes the roots and everything, as this wood grows more valuable every year.

The average Kansas man chops through the tree two or three feet above the ground and leaves a stump worth ten dollars. It would be easier and cheaper to sell the tree and spend the time in planting more young walnuts.

**TWIN SISTERS 94 YEARS OLD.**

**Albany Argus**.

In the town of Summit, Schoharie county, are two remarkable old ladies, twins of 94 years of age. They were born on the sixth day of August, 1791, in Dutchess county. Four years later their father, Henry Tinklerpaugh, removed to the town of Summit, built a log house and prepared to spend the remainder of his days in that fertile region. Bess and Kate, as the young ladies were called, soon won the admiration of the sturdy farmer-lads of that section, and at sweet sixteen, Bess accepted the lot of Wm. Braze, and settled down to married life. Fifteen years ago she entered her widowhood, after a long and happy married life. Her sister, Mrs. Catherine Rider, has respected the memory of her departed husband, Philip Rider, for forty-eight years, and is still a beautiful old lady of many personal charms. Both of these women are described as prepossessing, well-preserved, active, and in full possession of their mental faculties. Each was the mother of seven children, the eldest of each family being alive, one at the age of 65, the other 68 years. Each is said to be capable of walking a distance of five miles to the village with little apparent effort, and they are, on the whole, the most remarkable twins perhaps in the state. Their parents reached the age of 90 and 91 years, respectively, and a younger brother is still living in Sullivan county, at the age of 82 years.

**A NEW USE FOR TOADS.**

The latest and most ingenious way of getting rid of roaches and water bugs we have heard of, is related of a citizen of Schenectady, whose kitchen was infested with them.

A servant hearing that toads were an antidote, caught three ordinary hop toads and put them in the kitchen. Not a roach or water bug, it is stated, can now be found in the house. The toads have become domesticated, never wander about the house, and are so cleanly and inoffensive that there is no objection to their presence.

Another use for toads is to employ them for insect destroyers in the garden. They are determined enemies of all kinds of snails and slugs, which, it is well known, can in a single night destroy a vast quantity of lettuce, carrots, asparagus, etc. Toads are also kept in vineyards, where they devour during the night millions of insects that escape the pursuit of nocturnal birds, and might commit incalculable havoc on the buds and young shoots of the vine. In Paris toads are an article of merchandise. They are kept in tubs, and sold at the rate of 2 francs a dozen.

**A GOOD RETORT.**

At the breaking out of the Crimean war, Rachel, the celebrated French actress, was in St. Petersburg. Just before leaving the Russian officers gave a banquet in her honor. One of the Russian officers, a nobleman of high rank, said to Rachel in a bantering sort of way:

"We will not bid you good-bye, but merely say an revoir, for we will soon be in Paris to drink your health in sparkling champagne."

"Monsieur," replied Rachel, "France is not rich enough to treat all her prisoners of war to champagne."

**GERMAN DISCIPLINE.**

**Texas Siftings**.

Captain: "Private Pickelhaube, what is the duty of the private soldier in visiting places of public resort?"

"He must not go to the lower class of dance houses."

"Why not?"

"In the first place, they are not fit places for respectable people to visit; and secondly, the officers disguised as civilians are sure to be there."

**ALTOGETHER UNPREPARED.**

**Texas Siftings**.

It was thundering dreadfully. Col. Yenger took up his hat to leave the house.

"Don't go, colonel, I am afraid to stay here," said his wife.

"I am scared too. I want to get to a saloon as soon as possible. Why don't you keep whiskey in the house for just such an emergency?"

## THE GRAND REUNION

The Soldiers and Sailors of Kansas Hold Their Fourth Annual Reunion at Topeka.

Fully 40,000 Veterans Present From Various States Held a Grand Reunion.

And Perfect Permanent Organizations—A Grand Parade on Thursday—Notes.

Fourth annual reunion of the soldiers and sailors of Kansas was held at Topeka September 29, 30, and October 1st. For the fourth time the brave and valiant defenders of the flag and the nation's honor, met on Kansas soil to relate the incidents and anecdotes of days gone by. Such a reunion as this is, always one of joy to the veteran, and each year they attend them, never tiring.

The encampment was held at the fair ground, just outside the city, and the camp was named Camp Grant, in honor of the general.

In all 1,200 tents were pitched, but a considerable number of these were allotted to the Kansas national guard, which encampment was held in conjunction with the reunion.

Fully 2,500 veterans and their families teemed the ground. It is estimated that the reunion brought 60,000 strangers to Topeka.

The decorations of the business houses were elaborate and beautiful. Most noticeable of all was the arch extending across Kansas avenue, in front of the Windsor hotel. It bore the inscription, "Welcome Veterans," while the faces of the pillars supporting it bore the inscription, "Lincoln Post No. 1," and "Lincoln Corps No. 5."

Camp Grant was divided into seven divisions, each congressional district of the state constituting a division. The veterans of the posts arrived they were assigned to their respective divisions, and to them the adjunct of that division would assign them to their tents.

**FIRST DAY.**

Tuesday was the first and opening day of the reunion. The hours between eight and ten a. m., were spent in the reception of poets and assigning them to proper tents.

At 10 a. m., a formal reception was given the Kansas National Guard, by the commander-in-chief, Gov. John A. Martin and staff.

All the four regiments of the K. N. G. passed in review. Their evolutions showed good and thorough drilling.

At two p. m., the first general campfire was held, Major T. J. Anderson presiding.

Governor J. A. Martin delivered the address of welcome, and Col. Stewart, commander-in-chief, responded.

General J. C. Black, commander of the 1st division, was next on the program for an address, but, on account of the sudden death of his daughter at Elmira, New York, he was absent.

The following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, By the veterans of the west, assembled in reunion at Topeka, Kansas, September 29, 30, and October 1st, that we do hereby most tenderly and earnestly extend to our comrades and their families, this expression of our sincere sympathy in the great affliction of the death of their daughter.

Resolved, That while we, as soldiers, are powerless, when the mailed hand of the relentless warrior, death, is raised to smite, yet we, as soldiers, recognize in this irreparable dispensation of the commander-in-chief, the universe, an order which sooner or later must come to all the living, and which none may disobey.

Resolved, That the veterans here present in token of the reverent earnestness of our action respecting the untimely death of the daughter of our friend and comrade, John C. Black, do hereby learn the proceedings of the special committee of the committee of 33, and as a further mark of respect to our stricken comrade, do adopt these resolutions by vote, standing with uncovered heads, and in silence.

Commander in Chief, Burdett, of the grand army of the republic of the United States, was then introduced, and for over an hour, held the vast audience spell-bound by the power of his eloquence in reciting the many objects and achievements of the grand army of the republic. Commander Burdett is a gentleman of perhaps 50 years of age, of fine appearance, with a clear, sonorous voice, and possessing many of the elements of true oratory. Sentiment, mirth, pathos and history were intimately commingled in an address that no report can do justice to. Suffice it to say that the old veterans, their manes, wives and wives were deeply moved, and that the influence of the members of the grand army, in shaping the current history of the country, and the hopes and aspiration of the coming generation, were all appropriately and eloquently referred to. Commander Burdett, by his address, has amply proved the wisdom of his selection as commander-in-chief, and those who missed hearing him, have failed to enjoy one of the chief attractions of the grand reunion. We only regret our inability to reproduce his address in full, as we feel confident that the thoughts and arguments put forward would not only be in the interest of the G. A. R., but from their exalted patriotism could only be instrumental in promoting the best interests of the republic.

**STATE REUNIONS.**

In the evening, at 7:30, arrangements had been made for the soldiers of the various states to hold their re-unions, and perfect permanent organizations.

The veterans from Kentucky perfected an organization by electing W. B. Brockley, Fort Scott, president; John Collins, Paola, vice-president; David McGee, secretary.

The Ohio veterans met at their headquarters of the army of the Potomac. Col. F. W. Butterfield, of the Eighth Ohio, was elected temporary president, and J. G. Mohler, vice-president, and Fred J. Close, 55th V. I., secretary. The temporary organization was made the permanent.

The New York veterans met in the west wing of agricultural hall. After some little preliminaries, Patrick H. Coney, of Topeka, was chosen president, H. K. Devendorf, of Topeka, secretary, and J. F. Fulton, treasurer.

The Iowa veterans organized by electing A. D. Thatcher, of the Fifteenth Iowa, as president; W. A. Gebhart, of the same regiment, secretary. There are 184 members of Iowa veterans regiments in Iowa, and four from Iowa batteries.

There were forty-five of Iowa's forty-eight infantry regiments represented. All of Iowa's nine cavalry regiments, and three batteries out of the four from Iowa.

The Pennsylvania veterans organized permanently by the election of the following officers: R. U. F. Dornblaser, of Topeka, was made president; Captain C. L. Linton, of Junction City, first vice-president; Colonel H. D. Heiserman, Wichita, third vice-president; Captain L. L. Aldrich, Oawker City, secretary and treasurer.

The New England veterans re-elected a permanent organization by electing Col. H. A. Needham, chairman, and Col. L. P. Finch, secretary and treasurer. The secretary was instructed to correspond with all ex-soldiers from New England who now live in Kansas; an executive committee was elected, consisting of one member from

each of the New England states.

The soldiers of Missouri regiments present at the reunion organized a state association by electing Col. G. W. Houls, of Warrensburg, Mo., permanent chairman, and Capt. W. E. Chester, Warrensburg, Mo., permanent secretary.

The Indiana veterans organized by electing Judge Daniel Brown, of Concordia, president, and T. W. Dunham, of Topeka, secretary.

On Thursday a parade of all the posts, band drum corps and militia companies, present on the camp ground, was had. The parade was two and one-half miles long, and was a grand, beautiful and impressive sight. In the afternoon a sham battle was given in which the thirty-two companies in the Kansas national guard participated.

The following awards of prizes was made:

**BANDS—FIRST CLASS.**

Two entries, Marshall's military band of Topeka, composed of twenty-four pieces and the Dispatch band, of Clay Center, composed of sixteen pieces; the prize, \$200 and gold medal was won by Marshall's military band.

**SECOND CLASS.**

Two entries, Knights of Pythias band, of Emporia, and First Regiment band, of Lawrence; the prize, \$150, was won by the First Regiment band.

**THIRD CLASS.**

Eight entries: Recolander band, Newton; I. O. O. F. band, Peabody; Ringgold, of Hutchinson; Pleasanton band, Wagoner band, and Waterville band—prize \$125 won by Parsons band.

**FOURTH CLASS.**

Three entries, Manhattan band, Oka loosa band, Mechanics band of Peabody and the Juvenile band of Winfield—prize \$100; won by Mechanics band of Peabody.

**General claim, eight entries—first prize \$180, second prize \$150.** First prize won by the Fort Scott corps; second, Washington G. A. R. post No. 12, corps, of Lawrence.

Sons of Veterans drum corps, three entries, prize \$60—won by Mound City corps.

Grand Army posts, three entries—first prize \$40, won by McClellan post No. 117; second prize \$35, won by Abilene post No. 63.

The presence of Mother Byrdlike on the grounds during the reunion, was a great pleasure to the boys. Mother Byrdlike served during the four long years of the rebellion as nurse, and met many of her "soldier boys," as she called them.

This was the largest encampment of the Kansas National Guards, ever held.

Gen. J. C. Caldwell made several speeches during the reunion, which seemed to be very popular with the boys.

Everybody who attended the reunion was accommodated with sleeping and bathing facilities of the first class. Never let any one stay away from a future reunion for fear of not being accommodated. There is room for all.

**STOCK SQUIBS.**

Butler county has the honor of producing a six footed hog.

Large quantities of wool are now being brought to market in Osborne county.

Large numbers of stock will be fed this year in Smith county.

Quite a large number of polled Angus cattle are being shipped to ranges in the western part of this state.

The Bennington *Journal* states that hog cholera is prevalent to a very general extent throughout Ottawa county.

Large numbers of Chester hogs are being sold to Kansas breeders this year, so reports an eastern importer of the breed.

Peabody *Graphic*: Many English farmers practice shearing their early lambs in mid-summer, and claim that a great growth of carcass is obtained thereby.

Mr. H. Woodring, an exhibitor at the Montgomery county fair, sold a Poland-China male pig, aged three months, for the sum of \$50. It is of the black ranger family.

Osage City *Free Press*: W. H. Severy had a thousand head of hogs. A few days ago, the cholera appeared among them, and up to the 22nd inst., 576 of them had died. The greatest loss in one day was forty-four head.

Delphos *Carrier*: Hog cholera or some other infectious disease, is making sad havoc among the swine all around us, some stock men having lost nearly their entire herd. An occasional feed of charcoal corn is an effectual remedy. Charcoal made of wood may be equally good.

Florence *Herald*: Quite a number of hogs are affected with the cholera, and several have died from the effects of the disease in this county. A gentleman living near Emporia, has lost five hundred and seventy head during the past couple of weeks.

Wichita *Eagle*: Mr. H. R. Watt, of Clearwater, shipped a carload of hogs, all of his own raising that were from twelve to sixteen months old and averaged over 400 pounds each. Who can beat it!

Of all the horses shown in the stallion ring, at the Peabody fair, but one had been in Kansas more than a year, which goes to show that our state is bringing in a better class of horses and more of them than heretofore.

Abilene *Chronicle*: Mr. Thomas H. Lay, of Newton, Ill., has brought to this county one of the finest Norman stallions we have ever laid eyes upon. He is a steel gray, weighs 1,400 pounds and is but two years old.

Hartford *Call*: W. H. Severy recently lost 67 head of hogs from cholera. His loss so far in hogs from the disease is estimated at nearly \$5,000. Other persons in the vicinity of Reading, near which place Mr. Severy resides, have also lost heavily.

Lindsborg *News*: A traveling man informed us that the best remedy for the prevailing swine disease was to build a fire around one of the number that had died from the disease and completely roast it; and after cooling sufficiently, to turn the surviving lot to it and let them eat the meat. He says it has never failed when tried.

**A SIGN THAT MEANS BUSINESS.**

**New York Sun**.

"We're going to move again," said the boy to the grocer on the corner.

"No, you're not. When I called with the bill your father said he was going to stay all winter."

"Well, we ain't. Ma's throwing eyes and sweeping down cellar, and that means business every time."

**"How's Your Liver?"**

In the comic opera of "The Mikado," his imperial highness says:

"To make to some extent, each evil liver a running river of harmless merriment."

A nobler task than making evil liver rivers of harmless merriment, no person, king or layman, could take upon himself.

The liver, among the ancients, was considered the source of all a man's evil impulses, and the chances are, ten to one to-day that if one's liver is in an ugly condition of discontent, some one's head will be mashed before night!

"How's your liver?" is equivalent to the inquiry: Are you a bear or an angel to-day?

Nine-tenths of the "pure cesspools," the actions for divorce, the curtain lectures, the family rows, not to speak of murders, crimes and other calamities, are prompted by the irritating effect of the inactivity of the liver upon the brain. Fothergill, the great specialist, says this, and he knows. He also knows that to prevent such catastrophes, nothing equals Warner's safe cure re-peating throughout the world, as a maker of

"Each evil liver a running river of harmless merriment."

**KANSAS FARMING.**

A short apple crop is reported in Brown county this year.

Peaches made a more excellent crop in Harper county this year.

Millet made a most excellent crop in Anderson county this year.

A musk melon weighing twenty-one pounds has been raised in Cowley county, this year.

Timber claims are being taken at an unprecedented rate in Seward and other counties west.

An ear of corn was raised in Elk county this year which held 1008 large, well-developed grains, by actual count.

Wichita *Eagle*: W. C. Woodman has a pear tree which bore fruit this year, shed its leaves, renewed them, and is now in full blossom. This is certainly a freak in nature seldom witnessed.

Emporia *News*: The largest pumpkin, perhaps, ever exhibited in the county, was raised this year on the farm of A. G. Edmiston, and measures six feet and five inches in circumference.

Leavenworth *Standard*: The farmers of Leavenworth county are busy sowing wheat, notwithstanding their ill luck with that cereal this year. One implement firm has sold three drills this week.

Westmoreland *Recorder*: If the farmers will burn over the stubble in the wheat fields, after it is well dried, they will destroy many of the insect pests that remain in the stubble until the next season.

Russell *Journal*: Carp culture would prove a decided success here, if properly managed. Dr. Haise has well constructed carp ponds on his ranch, which are well stocked with fish. He has carp less than two years old which weigh fifteen pounds.

Hiawatha *World*: A great many farmers who had made their arrangements to feed a bunch of cattle this winter, have abandoned the idea, because of their severe loss in hogs. They say it does not pay to feed cattle unless you have hogs to follow after them.

Wichita *Eagle*: The quantity of grain coming into this market now is far below that marketed here at this season last year. During the past days of this week there were a few loads, but on the whole the market is poorly supplied and our millers are forced to send buyers to surrounding towns.

Solomon City *Sentinel*: Last week William Hamey, of Chester Park farm, brought to this office a dozen heads of corn which he had grown from three kernels. They weighed respectively as follows: five ears, five and one half pounds; three ears, four pounds; four ears, five pounds. Total, fourteen and one half pounds, or four pounds, thirteen and one-third ounces, average from one kernel of corn.

The Russian mulberry tree is included in the list of trees authorized by the Land Department in the cultivation of timber culture lands. The Russian mulberry is cultivated by the Mennonites in Kansas with astonishing results. The tree stands the dry climate exceedingly well, makes a quick and vigorous growth and is, perhaps, one of the best trees in the country. An effort is being made to propagate the silk worm, and thus the Russian mulberry becomes of double value and interest.